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2005 NICKEL DESIGNS UNVEILED AT NEWS CONFERENCE



The nation got its first glimpse of the 2005-nickel designs at a press conference September 16 at United States Mint Headquarters. Director Henrietta Holzman Fore

unveiled the images before a crowded room of Treasury officials, Minters and invited guests.

The 2005 designs, which complete the Westward Journey Nickel Series™, feature a fresh, new image of President

Thomas Jefferson on the obverse (heads side) of both nickels. It will be the first time that the image of Jefferson has changed on the nickel. He has been featured on the nickel since 1938.

Honored guests included United States Mint sculptor-engravers Donna Weaver, Don Everhart and Norman Nemeth, who sculpted the selected designs into the images that will appear on the new coins; Artistic Infusion Master Designers Jamie Franki and Joe Fitzgerald, and their families.



STRIKE CEREMONY HELD FOR NEW WISCONSIN QUARTER

Members of the media were invited to get a glimpse behind the scenes at the United States Mint at Denver as the new Wisconsin

State Quarter was ceremonially struck on Tuesday, October 12th at 10 a.m. Cameras were invited to photograph the new Wisconsin quarter being minted in preparation for the official quarter launch in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on October 25.

The Wisconsin quarter is the fifth to be released by the United States Mint in 2004, and the 30th in the 50 State Quarters® Program. The Wisconsin quarter design depicts an agricultural theme featuring the head of a cow, a round of cheese and an ear of corn. The design also bears an inscription of the State motto, "Forward."

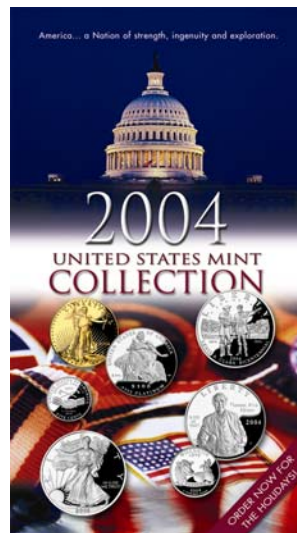
2004 FALL CATALOG MAILED

The 2004 United States Mint Collection catalog, featuring the new reverse design for the American Eagle Platinum Proof Coins, was made available by mail and online beginning September 16, 2004.

A rendition of "America" by Daniel Chester French is the new design that adorns the reverse of the 2004 American Eagle Platinum Proof Coins, complementing the portrait of Liberty that graces the obverse of these 99.95% pure platinum masterpieces. Prices range from \$210 for the tenth-ounce coin to \$1,345 for the one-ounce coin, and \$2,495 for the complete four-coin set.

With the sell-out of the recently released Lewis & Clark Coin & Pouch Set, collectors will have their final opportunity to obtain the limited number of individual proof and uncirculated Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Silver Dollars still available.

The Westward Journey Nickel Series™ is featured with a new product collecting all six



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nickels produced this year – offering two uncirculated “P” and two uncirculated “D” nickels, and two proof “S” nickels in a protective case.

This year’s catalog also features medals honoring President George W. Bush, President Thomas Jefferson, President Ronald Reagan and social and civil rights activist Dorothy Height.

EVENTS CELEBRATE LIGHT BULB’S 125th BIRTHDAY

United States Mint Director Henrietta Holzman Fore participated in several events surrounding the 125th anniversary of Thomas Edison’s perfection of the incandescent light bulb.

A dinner was held Saturday, October 16 in Huron, Ohio, not far from the inventor’s birthplace in Milan, Ohio. This was followed by events in Port Huron, Michigan on

Sunday, October 17 during which a large boulder that serves as a monument to Edison’s achievements, was rededicated.



Members of Congress,

state and local officials and actor Mickey Rooney, who starred in 1940’s “Young Tom Edison.” Were on hand for the celebrations.

UNITED STATES MINT LAUNCHES WISCONSIN QUARTER IN MILWAUKEE

The official, public launch of the Wisconsin commemorative state quarter, the fifth and final to be released in 2004, will be held at the State Fairgrounds in Milwaukee on October 25th.

Wisconsin Governor Jim Doyle, First Lady Jessica Doyle and long-time football announcer, Wayne Larrivee, the voice of the



Green Bay Packers, will join Director Fore at the celebration.

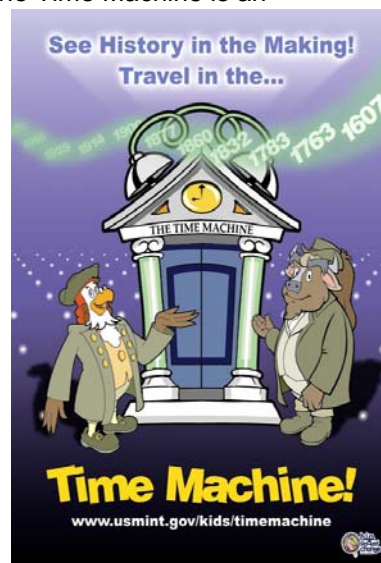
Peter, the Mint Eagle will be among the crowd, distributing new Wisconsin

quarters to all children 12 and under, and a coin exchange will follow the launch, allowing everyone in attendance the opportunity to bring home some of the newly minted quarters.

TIME MACHINE A REALITY AT H.I.P. POCKET CHANGE

Thanks to a major re-tooling effort, one of the most popular features of the United States Mint’s H.I.P. Pocket Change™ educational website has been updated and expanded. The Time Machine is an animated, interactive journey through twelve major eras in American history, from the Colonial period to the world in which we live today.

Coins now play a more prominent role in each era, and provide users with a historical perspective to link the history of the nation to the coins in use at the time. Graphics and formatting were also streamlined to make the entire experience more user-friendly and easier to integrate into classroom activities.



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